



KSC-Brevard high schools earn FIRST awards in regional competition May 22

KSC employees can see VC exhibits on limited admission pass through April

▲ **KSC FIRST Robotic Team Earn High Marks in Regional Competition:** The NASA Kennedy Space Center & Rockledge & Cocoa Beach High Schools -- the Space Coast Team -- were second place regional finalists in the March 20-22 FIRST Robotics competition held at UCF. The regional finalist award celebrates the team that makes it to the final match. They also were given the GM Industrial Design Award, celebrating "form and function in an efficiently designed machine that effectively achieves the game challenge," and the Imagery Award, celebrating "attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of the machine and team appearance."

▲ **New Exhibits at the KSC Visitor Complex --** A full-scale Wright Flyer and Brevard Space Art are on display at KSC Visitor Complex; Mars Rover is coming soon. KSC employees are invited to stop by the VC to view several new wonderful exhibits, which will only be on display for a limited time. This year is the Centennial of Flight, and on the west side of the IMAX Theater is a full-scale replica of the Wright Flyer. It will be on display through May 1. The flyer was built by AIAA, and the supplies used resemble as much as possible the original built in 1903. Until April 30, visitors can view paintings depicting the history of KSC by the Brevard Watercolor Society. Thirty paintings are being shown in the east side of the IMAX Theater. A life-sized model of the next Mars Rover, to be launched in May, will be on display beginning in mid-April in the New Millennium Theater. KSC employees must show their badges at the ticket booths in exchange for a limited admission pass. The ticket is not redeemable for the IMAX movie or a bus tour.

◆ **Mammograms at KSC – Screening For Breast Cancer -** The Women's Center for Radiology (WCR) will have their Mobile Mammography Unit at KSC (southwest corner of the parking lot behind HQ Building), on Wednesday, April 23. WCR is accredited in mammography by the American Col-

lege of Radiology and all mammograms are interpreted by Radiologists. Insurance can be filed. Call 1-800-367-1870 for an appointment or more information. If you have any questions, please call Carol Roth, 867-3414.

◆ **EEAW / USA Offer SRB Element High Bay Tour -- We've got Robots!!** Join a tour of the USA SRB Element High Bay and see the hardware that gets the Shuttle into orbit. See the Solid Rocket Boosters as they are assembled and prepared for flight. Check out the robots that spray the TPS (Thermal Protection System) on all SRB major flight hardware structures. Two tours will be available: Tuesday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 23, from 1:15-1:45 p.m. only. Meet in the lobby of the SRB Element (corner of Contractor and Schwartz Roads) at 1 p.m. each day. You must have your supervisor's permission to attend the tour. Please contact Diane Porter at 867-7262 to sign up.

◆ **Submissions Requested for the 10th Annual NASA Software of the Year Award --** NASA HQ has issued a call for the 10th Annual NASA Software of the Year Award. This year the award is sponsored by the NASA Chief Engineer and the Associate Administrator for Safety and Mission Assurance. The award includes the NASA Software Medal, a certificate signed by the Administrator and a check for up to \$100,000, depending on the value of the contribution to Government and industry. For an overview of the award history and process, eligibility information, and information about the last nine competitions, visit the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board (ICB) Web site: <http://icb.nasa.gov>. Submissions are due to Pam Bookman by April 18, 2003 ◆

◆ **Did You Know?** 24 years ago yesterday, a milestone was achieved when Columbia arrived at Kennedy Space Center: the first time a Space Shuttle was transported to its launching base.

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